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SUBJ: DAKAR CONFERENCE ON COMMODITIES -
TENSION AMONG NON-ALIGNED COUNTRIES

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1. MIN-COUN HAS HAD TWO CONVERSATIONS WITH AMB. AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA) AND INDIAN DEL TO DAKAR CONFERENCE. BOTH CONFIRM THAT FROM THEIR VANTAGEPOINT, TYRANNY OF THE MAJORITY IN LARGE MEASURE BOOMERANGED AT DAKAR. AMB. AMERASINGHE NOTED THAT CONSIDERABLE CONSTERNATION EVINced BY SEVERAL GOVERNMENTS OVER PASSAGE OF ESSENTIALLY USELESS RES'S SUCH AS CUBAN INITIATIVE IN RESPECT OF PUERTO RICO. ALSO INDICATED THAT BULK OF POLITICALLY ORIENTED RES'S STAMPEDED THROUGH BE ALGERIA, CUBA AND SENEGAL WITH VIRTUALLY NO CONSULTATION AMONG THE TRADITIONAL LEADERS AMONG THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

2. NON-ALIGNED FURTHER SPLIT OVER PHILIPPINES INITIATIVE
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TO ESTABLISH PRICE STABILIZATION AND BUFFER STOCK FUND.

ADAMANCY OF OPEC COUNTRIES TO CONSIDER ANYTHING
SHORT OF HARD LOANS WITH ADEQUATE GUARANTEES RESULTED IN
FURTHER EROSION OF SOLIDARITY THEME.

3. IN THE END, AT THE INSISTENCE OF THOSE COUNTRIES MOST
SERIOUSLY AFFECTED, GHANA, CUBA AND PAKISTAN HAVE BEEN
DESIGNATED TO SEEK MEETING WITH OPEC COUNTRIES AT THEIR
NEXT SUMMIT MEETING. THEIR TERMS OF REFERENCE CALL FOR
STRONG DENOUNCEMENT OF INADEQUATE CONCESSIONAL FINANCING
BEING MADE AVAILABLE BY OIL PRODUCERS AND INSISTANCE THAT
\$6 BILLION PROPOSED BY PHILIPPINES BE MINIMAL ADDITIVE
CONTRIBUTION TO SPECIAL FUND. BOTH INDIA AND SRI LANKA
BELIEVE THAT THIS WILL BE HOLLOW EXERCISE WITH CONSIDERABLE
DOUBT THAT OPEC COUNTRIES WILL EVEN AGREE TO RECEIVE DELEGATION.
THEIR PESSIMISM BASED ON ABORTIVE ATTEMPT TO OBTAIN FORMAL
HEARING FROM OPEC COUNTRIES AT QUITO SUMMIT.

4. WHILE WE HAVE NOT HAD IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS WITH YUGOSLAV AND
PAKISTANI DELS TO DAKAR, THEIR INITIAL REACTION IS
THAT DAKAR CONFERENCE INPOSES SEVERE STRAINS ON EFFORTS TO
ATTAIN SOLIDARITY AND UNIFIED APPROACH TO
SUBSTANTIVE MEETING LEADING INTO 7TH SPECIAL SESSION.
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